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VIA FAX

Gregory R. Baker, Esq.
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4544 - Dole for President Commit-
tee, Inc. and Robert Lighthizer, as
its Treasurer

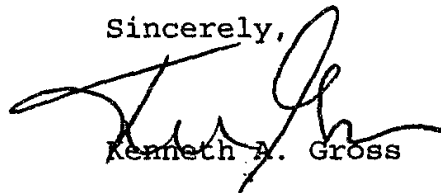
Dear Mr. Baker:

In a letter dated July 24, 1997, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") notified Dole for President Committee, Inc. and Robert Lighthizer, as Treasurer, of a complaint filed against them by Rebecca Roczen Carley, MD. This requests that respondents be granted an extension of twenty (20) days to submit a response to that complaint. Indeed, given that the complaint is based on a video tape of a press conference in which Common Cause makes broad conclusory allegations without any fact specific claims, Counsel must look into a broad range of facts and records to prepare a complete response.

Based on the date of receipt of the Commission's letter, the original due date is August 11, 1997. With the extension, the due date will be August 31, 1997.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Kenneth A. Gross

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